



EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS  
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PRELIMINARY

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MAIN FEATURES

The figures below refer only to civilian wage and salary earners excluding those in agriculture and private domestic service.

- During October 1977 employment increased by 4,700 persons (900 in seasonally adjusted terms).
- Male employment decreased by 900 while female employment increased by 5,700
- Private employment increased by 600 and government employment increased by 4,300. Slightly more than half of the increase in government employment was due to the return to work on 26 October of employees directly involved in the power dispute in Victoria. On the other hand the increase in private employment was reduced by the dispute.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Catalogue No. 6213.0 Previously Ref. No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

Reference period

2. Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month.

Scope of estimates

3. The series in this statement relate only to *wage and salary earners*, not the total labour force. The statistics therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons, unpaid helpers and the unemployed. Employees in agriculture and private households are also excluded because of the inadequacy of current data. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as 'employees'.

4. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

Method of estimation

5. The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources, such as special returns from government bodies and the Bureau's economic censuses and surveys. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. Current returns are of three main types:

- payroll tax returns
- returns from government bodies
- other current employment returns (e.g. for hospitals).

6. Recorded employment obtained from these sources is estimated to account for nearly 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered. The balance (that is, unrecorded private employment) is estimated.

Government employment

7. Government employees comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, postal and telecommunications, air transport, education (including universities, colleges of advanced education, etc.), radio, television, police, public works, factories, marketing authorities, public hospitals (other than those run by charitable or religious organisations) and departmental hospitals and institutions.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

Symbols and other usages

- † Affected by industrial dispute.
- r revised

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**TABLE 1. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES**  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
MALES										
1976 - September	1,068.5	822.7	409.7	277.3	248.7	88.1	24.7	50.5	2,990.2	2,997.1
October	1,065.8	822.4	409.5	277.6	249.0	88.2	24.6	50.4	2,987.6	2,994.3
1977 - September	1,054.2	†807.0	407.6	271.6	253.3	87.8	23.6	50.2	†2,955.3	†2,961.8
October	1,054.8	†807.3	406.0	271.4	253.7	87.4	23.5	50.1	†2,954.4	†2,960.8
FEMALES										
1976 - September	624.3	494.9	217.4	166.7	139.2	47.3	12.6	35.3	1,737.7	1,736.2
October	626.1	496.7	217.7	168.5	140.3	47.7	12.7	35.1	1,744.6	1,739.1
1977 - September	627.2	†497.0	221.0	168.3	145.2	48.8	13.1	36.1	†1,756.8	†1,754.9
October	629.8	498.6	221.1	168.7	146.2	48.8	13.0	36.2	1,762.5	1,756.8
PERSONS										
1976 - September	1,692.8	1,317.7	627.1	444.0	387.9	135.4	37.4	85.8	4,728.0	4,733.3
October	1,691.9	1,319.1	627.2	446.1	389.2	135.9	37.2	85.5	4,732.1	4,733.4
1977 - September	1,681.4	†1,304.0	628.6	439.9	398.5	136.7	36.8	86.3	†4,712.1	†4,716.7
October	1,684.6	†1,305.9	627.1	440.2	400.0	136.2	36.6	86.3	†4,716.8	†4,717.6

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1977* (Catalogue No. 1308.0. Previously Ref. No. 1.10).

**TABLE 2. TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA**  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Month	Private	Government (a)				Civilian employees	Defence forces (c)	Total civilian employees and defence forces
		Australian	State (b)	Local (b)	Total (b)			
MALES								
1976 – September	2,056.8	273.7	558.8	100.9	933.4	2,990.2	65.1	3,055.3
October	2,055.7	272.8	558.4	100.6	931.9	2,987.6	65.1	3,052.7
1977 – September	†2,007.3	271.8	†574.7	101.5	†948.0	†2,955.3	66.3	†3,021.6
October	†2,003.8	271.6	577.7	101.3	950.6	†2,954.4	66.3	†3,020.7
FEMALES								
1976 – September	1,237.8	116.1	363.3	20.5	499.9	1,737.7	3.6	1,741.3
October	1,243.8	115.2	364.9	20.7	500.8	1,744.6	3.6	1,748.2
1977 – September	†1,233.9	117.9	382.7	22.3	522.9	†1,756.8	3.9	†1,760.7
October	1,238.0	117.8	384.1	22.6	524.5	1,762.5	3.9	1,765.4
PERSONS								
1976 – September	3,294.7	389.8	922.1	121.4	1,433.3	4,728.0	68.7	4,796.7
October	3,299.5	388.0	923.3	121.3	1,432.6	4,732.1	68.7	4,800.8
1977 – September	†3,241.2	389.6	†957.4	123.8	†1,470.8	†4,712.1	70.2	†4,782.3
October	†3,241.8	389.4	961.8	123.9	1,475.1	†4,716.8	70.2	†4,787.0

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) Excludes State and local government employees (5.9 thousand persons in June 1977) engaged in agriculture or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.



TABLE 3. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
( '000)

ASIC Division (a)	ASIC industry (a)	MALES				FEMALES				PERSONS			
		1976		1977		1976		1977		1976		1977	
		September	October	September	October	September	October	September	October	September	October	September	October
A(b)	Forestry, fishing and hunting	13.1	13.0	13.2	13.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	14.2	14.1	14.2	14.1
B	Mining	73.2	72.9	†72.1	72.3	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9	78.9	78.6	†78.0	78.2
C	Manufacturing	882.6	882.6	†855.9	†853.5	304.1	304.7	289.2	289.2	1,186.7	1,187.3	†1,145.1	†1,142.7
	Food, beverages and tobacco	142.3	142.3	141.6	143.0	49.4	49.6	48.8	49.2	191.7	191.9	190.5	192.2
	Textiles	23.5	23.5	21.5	21.5	17.2	17.2	15.7	15.6	40.8	40.7	37.2	37.1
	Clothing and footwear	19.3	19.3	18.4	18.2	66.9	66.5	62.5	62.7	86.2	85.8	80.8	80.9
	Paper and paper products, printing	71.7	71.5	71.1	71.2	25.4	25.5	25.6	25.6	97.1	96.9	96.6	96.8
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	428.2	428.1	†412.2	†409.4	89.5	89.9	83.0	82.5	517.9	518.0	†495.1	†491.9
	Basic metal products	83.2	83.3	81.4	81.2	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.6	90.1	90.1	88.0	87.8
	Fabricated metal products	84.9	84.7	83.3	82.9	21.6	21.9	20.2	20.3	106.6	106.6	103.5	103.2
	Transport equipment	134.7	134.9	127.7	126.5	17.3	17.3	15.5	15.4	152.1	152.2	143.2	142.0
	Other machinery and equipment	125.4	125.2	119.8	118.8	43.7	43.9	40.7	40.2	169.1	169.1	160.4	159.0
D	Electricity, gas and water	91.3	91.5	†92.1	93.9	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.3	100.4	100.5	†101.4	103.2
E	Construction	346.8	345.1	336.3	336.0	18.3	18.4	17.9	18.0	365.2	363.5	354.2	354.0
F	Wholesale and retail trade	556.8	557.0	550.7	550.4	411.3	414.7	414.4	417.2	968.1	971.7	965.1	967.6
	Wholesale trade	243.3	242.9	239.8	239.8	94.4	94.3	92.8	93.3	337.6	337.2	332.7	333.1
	Retail trade	313.6	314.1	310.8	310.6	316.9	320.4	321.6	323.9	630.5	634.5	632.4	634.5
	Motor vehicle dealers, petrol and tyre retailers	141.9	141.6	139.1	138.4	30.6	30.6	30.0	29.9	172.5	172.2	169.1	168.3
	Other retail trade	171.7	172.5	171.7	172.2	286.3	289.8	291.6	294.0	458.0	462.3	463.3	466.2
G	Transport and storage	213.5	213.1	211.0	211.1	36.3	36.4	37.1	37.3	249.8	249.6	248.1	248.3
	Road transport	81.3	81.4	79.1	79.1	13.6	13.8	13.7	13.8	94.9	95.1	92.9	92.9
H	Communication	71.8	71.7	71.2	71.2	29.2	29.3	29.1	29.3	101.0	101.0	100.4	100.5
I	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	196.6	196.1	196.0	195.3	184.6	185.0	187.6	187.8	381.1	381.0	383.6	383.1
J(c)	Public administration and defence	152.6	152.1	152.9	152.9	91.7	91.2	94.8	94.7	244.3	243.3	247.6	247.7
K	Community services	281.2	281.3	293.0	293.5	484.6	486.0	508.6	510.2	765.8	767.3	801.6	803.7
	Health	65.2	65.3	70.0	70.2	254.1	255.1	270.2	271.4	319.4	320.4	340.2	341.5
	Education, libraries, museums and art galleries	121.3	121.6	127.3	127.5	188.9	189.5	196.8	197.1	310.3	311.1	324.0	324.6
L(d)	Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	110.8	111.2	110.9	111.0	161.7	163.0	161.8	162.6	272.6	274.2	272.7	273.6
	TOTAL	2,990.2	2,987.6	†2,955.3	†2,954.4	1,737.7	1,744.6	†1,756.8	1,762.5	4,728.0	4,732.1	†4,712.1	†4,716.8

(a) Australian Standard Industrial Classification. Some Division totals include industries not specified separately. (b) Excludes ASIC Sub-divisions 01 (Agriculture) and 02 (Services to agriculture). (c) Excludes members of the permanent defence forces. (d) Excludes ASIC Sub-division 94 Private households employing staff.



TABLE 4. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(000)

Principal industries (persons)										
Month	Total civilian employees			Private/ government (persons)		Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Govern- ment (a)					
ORIGINAL										
1976 -										
September	2,990.2	1,737.7	4,728.0	3,294.7	1,433.3	1,186.7	365.2	968.1	249.8	381.1
October	2,987.6	1,744.6	4,732.1	3,299.5	1,432.6	1,187.3	363.5	971.7	249.6	381.0
November	†2,990.5	1,753.0	†4,743.5	†3,307.6	1,435.9	†1,184.4	363.8	978.6	251.5	382.1
December	2,985.0	1,737.8	4,722.9	3,296.1	1,426.8	1,176.7	360.4	980.3	252.8	382.1
1977 -										
January	2,981.5	1,722.5	4,704.0	3,275.3	1,428.7	1,172.5	358.8	967.4	251.3	382.8
February	2,991.2	1,741.1	4,732.3	3,284.6	1,447.7	1,177.1	361.3	969.1	250.4	384.5
March	2,994.7	1,749.7	4,744.4	3,288.9	1,455.5	1,177.5	361.6	970.3	249.7	385.9
April	2,987.7	1,750.9	4,738.6	3,278.9	1,459.8	1,169.2	360.9	971.2	249.3	384.9
May	2,983.2	1,749.2	4,732.4	3,270.1	1,462.3	1,162.3	360.2	969.4	249.2	385.5
June	2,979.2	1,747.1	4,726.2	3,262.5	1,463.8	1,156.2	361.0	968.9	249.3	385.0
July	2,968.9	1,748.9	4,717.8	3,251.0	1,466.8	1,148.4	358.9	967.2	248.6	384.4
August	2,964.5	1,752.5	4,717.0	3,246.4	1,470.5	1,147.4	356.8	965.2	248.2	383.8
September	†2,955.3	†1,756.8	†4,712.1	†3,241.2	†1,470.8	†1,145.1	354.2	965.1	248.1	383.6
October	†2,954.4	1,762.5	†4,716.8	†3,241.8	1,475.1	†1,142.7	354.0	967.6	248.3	383.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (b)										
1976 -										
September	2,997.1	1,736.2	4,733.3	3,299.0	1,434.3	1,185.1	366.6	972.2	251.0	382.9
October	2,994.3	1,739.1	4,733.4	3,296.1	1,437.3	1,184.1	365.8	969.5	250.6	383.4
November	†2,992.7	1,742.2	†4,734.9	†3,293.1	1,441.8	†1,181.1	366.0	968.7	250.4	384.4
December	2,990.4	1,743.8	4,734.2	3,293.9	1,440.3	1,182.2	365.8	969.3	249.6	384.5
1977 -										
January	2,993.6	1,750.8	4,744.4	3,297.7	1,446.7	1,181.8	363.7	973.1	250.1	383.4
February	2,991.9	1,746.9	4,738.8	3,291.2	1,447.6	1,176.9	361.2	974.7	250.4	382.5
March	2,988.3	1,746.3	4,734.6	3,284.1	1,450.5	1,174.2	359.4	971.1	249.8	382.7
April	2,980.9	1,745.0	4,725.9	3,272.7	1,453.2	1,168.5	360.3	971.7	249.7	382.4
May	2,970.2	1,743.2	4,713.4	3,261.1	1,452.3	1,160.5	354.9	966.8	249.4	383.2
June	2,966.8	1,741.9	4,708.7	3,255.4	1,453.3	1,155.3	355.9	968.3	249.8	383.6
July	2,968.0	1,746.0	4,714.0	3,255.6	1,458.4	1,148.6	356.5	970.9	249.6	385.0
August	2,969.2	1,752.8	4,722.0	3,255.0	1,467.0	1,147.7	356.5	971.0	249.3	385.3
September	†2,961.8	†1,754.9	†4,716.7	†3,245.1	†1,471.6	†1,143.4	355.6	969.1	249.3	385.4
October	†2,960.8	1,756.8	†4,717.6	†3,238.0	1,479.6	†1,139.5	356.2	965.2	249.3	385.5

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) See footnote (b) to Table 1.

## RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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